

Senate Resolution 30 - Introduced

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 30

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1 A Resolution congratulating Major General Timothy Orr
2 on his retirement as the Adjutant General of the
3 Iowa National Guard and thanking him for his more
4 than 40 years of military service to his state and
5 nation.

6 WHEREAS, Maj. Gen. Orr enlisted in the Iowa Army
7 National Guard in 1978 while still a senior at Boone
8 High School and rose through its ranks to lead the
9 9,000-member organization during a significant time in
10 its history; and

11 WHEREAS, Maj. Gen. Orr was originally appointed
12 Adjutant General by then-Governor Chet Culver in March
13 2009, and he continued to serve in that position during
14 both the Branstad and Reynolds administrations; and

15 WHEREAS, during his tenure, Maj. Gen. Orr oversaw
16 the continued transition of the National Guard from
17 a strategic reserve to an operational force, which
18 brought about unique challenges and opportunities for
19 today's citizen-soldiers and airmen; and

20 WHEREAS, Maj. Gen. Orr oversaw the state's largest
21 federal mobilization since World War II in 2009-2010
22 when the 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 34th Infantry
23 Division, deployed 2,800 soldiers to Afghanistan and
24 was responsible for the mobilization, deployment,
25 and training of another 4,200 soldiers and airmen in
26 support of overseas contingency operations during his
27 time as the Adjutant General; and

28 WHEREAS, in what Maj. Gen. Orr called his no-fail

1 mission, he led multiple National Guard disaster
2 response efforts in Iowa and sent Iowa National Guard
3 soldiers and airmen to support disasters in other
4 states through mutual support agreements; and

5 WHEREAS, after the U.S. Air Force pulled F-16
6 fighter aircraft from the 132nd Airbase in Des Moines,
7 Maj. Gen. Orr worked closely with state and federal
8 leaders to secure additional missions for the wing,
9 resulting in a multitude of new operations, including
10 an intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance
11 group, and remotely piloted aircraft and cyber defense
12 squadrons; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2013, following a reduction in military
14 personnel serving overseas and on active duty, Maj.
15 Gen. Orr conceived the Home Base Iowa program to
16 attract high-quality veterans and their families to
17 the state to continue their military service in the
18 National Guard and help fill critical labor shortages
19 at Iowa-based employers; and

20 WHEREAS, after more than 40 years of service to
21 his state and nation, and 10 years as the Adjutant
22 General of the Iowa National Guard, Maj. Gen. Timothy
23 Orr announced his plans to retire effective May 1,
24 2019; NOW THEREFORE,

25 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That all Iowans on the
26 occasion of Major General Timothy Orr's retirement,
27 proudly congratulate him on achieving this significant
28 milestone, and are honored to stand beside him as he
29 finishes his more than 40-year military career devoted
30 to the State of Iowa and the United States of America.